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### **PSC TO HOLD ON-THE-RECORD PRESENTATION IN MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY INFRASTRUCTURE SURCHARGE REQUEST**

Jefferson City (October 21, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold an on-the-record presentation on November 21, 2003, in a case filed by the Missouri-American Water Company. Parties in this case will be available for Commissioner questions regarding a request filed by Missouri-American Water Company to place an infrastructure system replacement surcharge on the water bills of their customers in St. Louis County.

The on-the-record presentation will be held in the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street) in Jefferson City. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this presentation, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the on-the-record presentation.

Under a bill (HB 208) passed by the 2003 Missouri General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor, Missouri-American Water Company can seek to establish an infrastructure system replacement surcharge related to work performed in St. Louis County. Under the law, the Commission must act on Missouri-American Water Company's application within 120 days. A decision in this matter must be made and be in effect by December 31, 2003.

According to Missouri-American Water Company, the infrastructure system replacements are eligible water utility plant projects in that they are either: 1) mains and associated valves and hydrants installed as replacements for existing facilities that have worn out or were in a deteriorated condition; or, 2) a main cleaning and/or relining project; or, 3) an unreimbursed infrastructure facility relocation due to the construction or improvement of a highway road, street, public way or other public work required by or on behalf of the United States, the State of Missouri, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, or another entity having the power of eminent domain.

According to the application, the infrastructure system replacement surcharge would be a percentage applied to customer bills by rate class. As an example, Missouri-American Water Company has asked that a surcharge of 4.29% be applied to the bills of residential customers of the Company in St. Louis County. The actual dollar amount of the surcharge would vary based upon customer usage during each billing period.

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